

AN ACT in relation to public aid.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
changing Section 1-11 as follows:

(305 ILCS 5/1-11)

Sec. 1-11. Citizenship. To the extent not otherwise  
provided in this Code or federal law, all clients who receive  
cash or medical assistance under Article III, IV, V, or VI of  
this Code must meet the citizenship requirements as  
established in this Section. To be eligible for assistance an  
individual, who is otherwise eligible, must be either a  
United States citizen or included in one of the following  
categories of non-citizens:

(1) United States veterans honorably discharged and  
persons on active military duty, and the spouse and  
unmarried dependent children of these persons;

(2) Refugees under Section 207 of the Immigration  
and Nationality Act;

(3) Asylees under Section 208 of the Immigration  
and Nationality Act;

(4) Persons for whom deportation has been withheld  
under Section 243(h) of the Immigration and Nationality  
Act;

(5) Persons granted conditional entry under Section  
203(a)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act as in  
effect prior to April 1, 1980;

(6) Persons lawfully admitted for permanent  
residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act; and

(7) Parolees, for at least one year, under Section  
212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act;

(8) Nationals of Cuba or Haiti admitted on or after April 21, 1980;

(9) Amerasians from Vietnam, and their close family members, admitted through the Orderly Departure Program beginning on March 20, 1988;

(10) Persons identified by the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) as victims of trafficking;

(11) Persons legally residing in the United States who were members of a Hmong or Highland Laotian tribe when the tribe helped United States personnel by taking part in a military or rescue operation during the Vietnam era (between August 5, 1965 and May 7, 1975); this also includes the person's spouse, a widow or widower who has not remarried, and unmarried dependent children;

(12) American Indians born in Canada under Section 289 of the Immigration and Nationality Act and members of an Indian tribe as defined in Section 4e of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act; and

(13) Persons who are a spouse, widow, or child of a U.S. citizen or a spouse or child of a legal permanent resident (LPR) who have been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by the U.S. citizen or LPR or a member of that relative's family who lived with them, who no longer live with the abuser or plan to live separately within one month of receipt of assistance and whose need for assistance is due, at least in part, to the abuse.

Those persons who are in the categories set forth in subdivisions 6 and 7 of this Section, who enter the United States on or after August 22, 1996, shall not be eligible for 5 years beginning on the date the person entered the United States.

The Illinois Department may, by rule, cover prenatal care or emergency medical care for non-citizens who are not otherwise eligible under this Section. Local governmental

units which do not receive State funds may impose their own citizenship requirements and are authorized to provide any benefits and impose any citizenship requirements as are allowed under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193).

(Source: P.A. 90-17, eff. 7-1-97.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.